

Introduction

Theodore Taylor was born in North Carolina. His experiences growing up around the Great Dismal Swamp were the inspiration for the setting of *The Weirdo*. This story is rich in natural connections to the English/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, and Guidance curriculums. Students will be able to identify with the characters as they explore the many activities provided in this unit.

The Weirdo 2005 Edition

This unit has been revised from the original NC Department of Publication version by classroom teachers. Their goals were to ensure a teacher-friendly document and to design a stand alone, interdisciplinary unit. The novel makes a wonderful read-aloud. It is the hope of the educators working on this project that this revised version speaks to your students' abilities and gifts alike each time it is used.

Unit Organization

- Language Arts activities
- Guidance activities
- Math and Science activities
- Social Studies activities
- Writing Ideas and Culminating Activities
- Resources

